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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 88-161

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL GAIN COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: MEDI-CAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR GAIN PARTICIPANTS
IN GRANT DIVERSION UNDER THE WORK SUPPLEMENTATION
PROGRAM DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 88-126

The purpose of this letter is to provide information concerning Medi-Cal reporting for Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) participants in grant diversion under the Work Supplementation Program (WSP) Demonstration Project. This information applies to all Counties implementing grant diversion effective January 1, 1989.

For Medi-Cal purposes, persons in WSP who do not receive a residual grant solely due to the WSP earnings will be deemed as AFDC recipients. This means these individuals are to receive cash based Medi-Cal. Counties must, therefore, report these cases to MEDS under the AFDC cash aid code so that they will continue to receive their Medi-Cal card.

Persons in WSP who become ineligible to a residual grant due to reasons other than WSP earnings are not eligible for cash based Medi-Cal. Counties will need to establish procedures for identifying these cases which must be discontinued from cash based Medi-Cal and determining whether the individual or family is eligible for Medi-Cal under another program and aid code. If eligibility exists, Counties must also report the change to MEDS under the appropriate aid category. If the individual or family member is not eligible under another category, the County must submit the appropriate transaction to MEDS for terminating Medi-Cal eligibility. Please note that consistent with the

requirements established under Edwards v. Myers for AFDC discontinuances, until an eligibility determination is made and timely and adequate notice issued, Medi-Cal with no share of cost must continue uninterrupted.

If you have any questions concerning the information in this letter pertaining to GAIN, please call your State Department of Social Services GAIN and Employment Services Operations analyst at (916) 324-6962. Questions pertaining to the Medi-Cal program or procedures should be directed to the Department of Health Services, Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch, at (916) 445-1912.



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